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State Parks Investigating Sexual Assault at Folsom Lake

FOLSOM – California State Parks rangers are investigating the alleged sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl by five high school-age boys, officials announced today.

While the investigation is still under way, State Parks rangers believe the crimes began at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and continued outside the park in Sacramento County. The victim's name is being withheld because of her age.

All five suspects were arrested by State Parks Rangers, who are sworn peace officers. The suspects face charges of rape, rape in concert and false imprisonment.

The alleged sexual assaults occurred on the evening of Saturday, April 13, and into the morning of April 14, officers said.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is serving as the lead investigative agency in the case. It has been aided by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the Placer County Sheriff's Department and the Placer County District Attorney's office.

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